## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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## UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 14 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-15-13

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 14 opens set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof and East Forelands Section of the Upper Subdistrict from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2013.

Drift gillnetting will be opened in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections (Figure 1) of the Upper Subdistrict from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2013.

The Optimal Escapement Goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon is 160,000–390,000 fish. More than 380,000 sockeye salmon are estimated to have passed the Kasilof River sonar through 12:00 noon on Friday, July 19. In the Kenai River, the inriver (sonar) goal is 1,000,000–1,200,000 fish. The most current estimate of passage through 12:00 noon on Friday, July 19, shows that more than 850,000 sockeye salmon have passed the sonar site in the Kenai River.

Commercial fishing is occurring in the areas described above in order to slow the passage of sockeye salmon to both the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers.

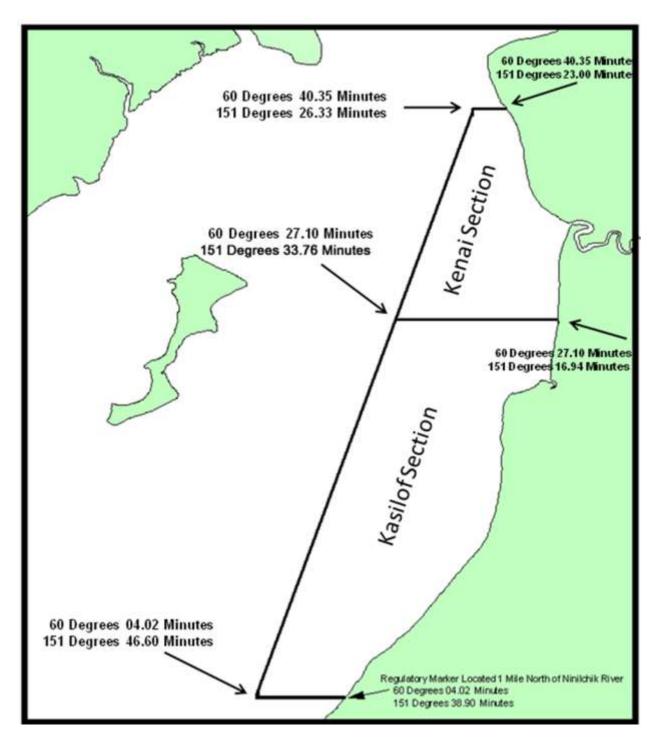


Figure 1. Map of the Expanded Kasilof and Expanded Kenai Corridors with waypoints.